

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents of Schools; Directors of Special Education

FROM: Alice S. Farrell, Assistant Director of General Supervision & Monitoring and
State Director of Special Education

SUBJECT: School Resource Officer Liaison Pilot Program

DATE: October 25, 2013

The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) has contracted with Corporal Mark Moody, a thirty-seven year veteran police officer, to serve as Resource Officer Liaison.

Corporal Moody is long-time School Resource Officer (SRO) who founded the Vermont Youth Officer's Network and remains that organization's Chair. He is also an active member of the Vermont School Crisis Planning Team and has intensive law enforcement training on school safety issues. In the role of AOE Resource Officer Liaison, Corporal Moody will provide technical assistance to schools around connecting the work of the school resource officer with school based activities, building connections with community responders, and increasing the capacity of the Crisis Response Team with an increased focus on students with disabilities.

The Agency of Education is asking for your interest in a participating in an AOE sponsored SRO Liaison pilot project in your supervisory union. If you are interested, please complete the attached information sheet and return it to me. Based upon need, four SU's will be selected for the first pilot session of 10 days each over the next 3 months. A participating SU will be provided with the following:

1. Advise and practice in promoting on-going partnership and team work between SROs and school administrators;
2. Advise about protective practices for students with disabilities as it relates to incidents of seclusion and restraint and crisis planning;
3. Support for connections between community first responders and school administrators prior to any crisis situation;
4. Support for building the capacity of the school crisis team through review of data, plan review, suggested team training and practical application of crisis management skills for all students including those with disabilities. If you are interested in this pilot project please contact me at 828-0555 or alice.farrell@state.vt.us.

To be considered for the School Resource pilot program, please answer the following questions:

Name of School: _____
Contact Name/Title: _____
Telephone/E-mail: _____

1. Does your SU have school resource officers?	Yes	No
2. Do your schools have current Crisis Response Plans?	Yes	No
3. Are the Crisis Response Plans up to date?	Yes	No
4. Do your schools have specific plans for crisis response for varied threats such as bomb threat, intruder, flood, chemical spills, fire, etc.?	Yes	No
5. Do you know what services your school can expect from the community emergency services during a flood, tanker spill, power outage, major snowfall, fire, etc.	Yes	No
6. Is the Crisis Team the same as your Safety Crisis Planning Team?	Yes	No
7. Are all school personnel, students & parents, trained in your response plans?	Yes	No
8. Would you describe your School Administration to First Responder and First Responder to School Administration relationship as strong?	Yes	No
9. Does your school have adequately staffed teams for the moving or safety response of special needs students?	Yes	No
10. Has your school done outreach to the community for safety or wellness support for all?	Yes	No

This questionnaire should be returned to alice.farrell@state.vt.us by the close of business on Friday, November 1, 2013.